

## California's Green Workforce Coalition

Inspired by the enactment of HR 2847--*the Green Jobs Act of 2007*—**California's Green Workforce Coalition (Coalition)** is a public-private alliance of business assistance and economic development entities, educational institutions, organized labor and workforce organizations, private firms, public utilities and authorities, and individuals devoted to developing a green workforce for a green future. The **Coalition** is fulfilling this mission by gathering labor market intelligence on green industry and workforce needs, connecting resources and information to develop the skilled workers needed for green jobs in California, and informing State efforts on green workforce policy.

The **Coalition**, as a networking and learning community, serves as a forum for discussion on sustainability and green jobs issues. On specific initiatives, the **Coalition** catalyzes and facilitates partnerships in which members can blend or align resources to address specific issues and labor market demands. The **Coalition** also serves as a strategic action group that enables members to mobilize and jointly solve specific workforce development challenges.

Open to any individual or organization in California with an interest in sustainability as it relates to the workforce, our membership includes major public utilities and Southern California-based public authorities, private firms and consultants, and interested individuals. In addition to organized labor unions and community-based organizations, the **Coalition's** members represent many of California's key workforce preparation and development systems including the California Employment Development Department, the California Community College system, the K-12 public education system, the Workforce Investment Act system, and the California State University system.

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